

# Daniel Ellsberg at FFF Conference, Part 4 of 8

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Daniel Ellsberg on "Iran and Iraq: The Need for Pentagon Papers" at the Future of Freedom Foundation's <http://fff.org> Restoring the Republic, 2007.

Daniel Ellsberg was born in Detroit in 1931. After graduating from Harvard in 1952 with a B. A. summa cum laude in Economics, he studied for a year at King's College, Cambridge University, on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

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he's just written a memoir for but having talked to him it hasn't come on you I learned from other sources i learned what they were really up to it was not as jacob Hornberger or anything just or somebody here on the way in as i was looking and said to defame me it was to threaten to defame me they wanted information from a psychoanalyst files unfortunately unfortunately for them psychoanalysts don't keep notes but what they wanted was information on me that I wouldn't want out that they could blackmail me into silence about what depending on papers were out by that time and Nixon was glad of the substance that they were out they indicted the Democrats he's very happy with that as the tapes show you can seize a lot of this by the way including the tapes in my last three chapters of my book secrets didn't notice turn what he worried about was that I had that he learned I had documents on his administration Pentagon Papers ended in 1968 before he came in so he liked those but he feared that I had a documents on his administration and I did but not as much as he had good reason to fear he had been making nuclear threats to North Vietnam secretly no secret to the Russians or the Chinese or the North Vietnamese to when we conveyed the threats since 1969 and he was yet to make more in 1972 and he didn't want the public to know that the enemies yes but the public might get nervous if they knew had been threatening nuclear war if they didn't meet his terms which were to get all northern troops out of the southern part

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northern troops out of the southern part of Vietnam as we withdrew our troops that they would take their troops out and thus allow our Saigon regime general to to remain in power indefinitely with the help of our air force our air support his plan was never to allow Saigon to become ho chi minh city what actually happened was not the fulfillment of what he had in mind in 68 and 69 when he came in he expected to keep Saigon and the major cities indefinitely although he was ready to cede control of effective control of the relatively less populated country side to the VC where they controlled it anyway already we keep control of the cities would be something like Korea and that was internally discussed the Korean solution now Korea of course the war was quite different in a number of ways including a clear demarcation line between our guys and their guy and the end the adversaries and it didn't have a guerrilla war going on in South Korea in there where we can fill out six years but the idea was that it would be a title what they called a leopard-skin division not a clear-cut division and not just at the DMZ but that a division where they more or less had the relatively less populated country side and we had the cities and a conclusion that would not have been recognized as a

clear-cut victory although by the time he left office Lyndon Johnson would have given his left arm for that for that resolution and but no defeat we'd still be in Saigon our flag would be flying alongside the flag for South Vietnam and indefinitely through 77 and so forth the

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indefinitely through 77 and so forth the way he was going to get that the problem was that the North Vietnamese were not going to buy them they were not going to get their troops out and they were not going to accept the tyranny and they were ready to fight and die indefinitely in any numbers ten to one losses compared to ours indefinitely to prevent that that's what we were up against or Nixon now that should have been no big surprise by 1969 after the Tet Offensive 68 but Nixon's theory theory of how to do that or is it by threatening in first instance all out air attack on North Vietnam much heavier than Johnson including hitting the dikes which their calculation would cause from hundreds of thousands to perhaps a million deaths including famine hitting all of the bases are everywhere heading up to the Chinese border total blockade and threatening nuclear weapons for which targets were selected in the Nixon White House and i talked to roger morris and written a lot since then who saw the plans for nuclear targets one a mile and a half from the Chinese border to send a signal to china in the north and north vietnam nixon was afraid that i had documents not only knew of all that which i did in general terms not all the details but that i had documents to show it which i could have had if people who left the NSC over the Cambodian invasion five people left the only people to resign that i know of during that war and perhaps so anyone drawing them during the war in protest against the policy i knew nearly all of them i had copied the Pentagon Papers earlier but they didn't know that they could have given me those documents the documents came out actually a number of them just

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came out actually a number of them just last year you can look them up on the national security archive of George Washington University and is archived very interesting look up for the duck hook duck hook documents which is the code name fun that's last year that's of almost 40 years later been denied up till this point he feared i had those and i should have had them in some sense could have had them for sure i would say that the people who were ready to end their executive career or they didn't all end it but roger morris said because he proceeded to be very critical of nixon ready to do that to resign could have taken documents with them could have given them to me or just put them out putting me they wouldn't to me at that time because kind on paper he's having become public they could have put them had they done so i think in nineteen-sixty-nine when they wrote them the war would have ended a lot sooner ended by congress cutting off the funding for it which in the end Congress never did do until the troops were out but the effect of that isn't as late as that in 1973 and my trial the ending of my trial had something to do with that they did cut off funding at a time when Nixon was about to renew it in fact according to Time magazine he had given the order to renew the bombing in april of 1973 my trial was on at that point except that john dean who didn't want to be blamed for the whole cover-up which he had managed but on orders revealed to the prosecutor who ordered a prosecutor about the break-in to my psychoanalyst office something that now pointed directly to the oval office none of the other Watergate crimes were ever traced directly to mix him to this day it's there's no evidence that he knew of the

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there's no evidence that he knew of the break into the water day before hand probably he did but the people who would have known that like John Mitchell or Haldeman kept their mouth shut in jail and it's never come out what was traceable to him were in particular the crimes against me and to some extent the rest of the anti-war malloy the break in the assault the overhearing the wiretaps CIA and so forth all pointed directly to Nixon that put him in those days in danger of criminal prosecution and actually as you'll see in my book from the table the first mention of impeachment on the tapes is by Nixon on the day that he was told he had to send john dean's revelation to my judge he had held it up for two weeks as the trial went on claiming that it

was national security he didn't have to tell the judge nothing had been found and finally kleindienst the acting Attorney General and Peterson the system in terms of criminal problem went to Nixon and said you have to send it on that's the law or we will be liable for obstruction of justice and subject to prosecution for obstruction of justice rather than that we will resign if you don't send it then now they threw so he sent it on and on that day he send to climb dienst make sure the judge knows this is national security at the stew room he doesn't have to release it and and then he says declining well they talk about impeachment well then they get Agnew how they like that and climbed in says he was edna was his impeachment insurance like Cheney or or or quail you might say and then of course he lost Agner two charges an extortion and there he was make it ready to be impeached

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